

CLAIMS AMENDMENT

1. (currently amended): A stable dried Factor VIII composition ~~containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of albumin, obtainable by a process which consists essentially of freeze-drying an aliquot of aqueous solution of native Factor VIII containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of a stabilizing amount of albumin.~~

2. (currently amended): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 1, containing 0.15 to 2.5 mg trehalose per unit of blood factor.

3. (currently amended): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said native Factor VIII is recombinant.

4. (previously presented): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 1, containing 1.0 to 1.5 mg calcium ion Ca²⁺ per unit of Factor VIII.

5. (currently amended): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises salt and the molar ratio of said trehalose to said salt is above 1:1.

6. (currently amended): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 5, containing more than 2.5 moles trehalose per mole of salt.

7. (currently amended): The composition, ~~according to~~ of claim 6, containing more than 10 moles trehalose per mole of salt.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended): A method of preparing a stable dried ~~blood factor~~ Factor VIII composition containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of a stabilizing amount of albumin ~~[[in]]~~ which process comprises vacuum drying an aqueous solution of native Factor VIII containing trehalose and absent a stabilizing amount of albumin ~~is dried~~ at a temperature no greater than 25°C so as to form a foam.

10. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to~~ of claim 9, wherein said drying is in which the solution is dried at a temperature no greater than 10°C.

11. (currently amended): A method for preparing a Factor VIII therapeutic composition for administration to a patient ~~by injection~~ wherein said method comprises reconstituting ~~a stable dried Factor VIII composition containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of albumin~~ the composition of claim 1 to obtain an isotonic solution.

12. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to~~ of claim 11, wherein said composition is reconstituted with water.

13. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to~~ of claim 11, wherein said composition is reconstituted with saline.

14-19. (canceled)